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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
on
Military and Veteran Affairs

Tuesday, June 6, 2017

12:00 Noon

Room 327 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs was called to order by Representative Jason Wentworth, Chair.

The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Representatives Wentworth, Graves, Hughes, Barrett, Glenn, Albert, Hoitenga, Johnson, Sabo, Brinks, Byrd, Elder and Jones. (13/13)**
The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of May 30, 2017, as printed.

Representative Hughes moved to adopt the minutes of May 30, 2017, as printed.
There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the minutes were adopted as printed.

The Chair laid before the committee a presentation on the City of Evart's World War I honoree.

The Chair introduced Mark Wilson, Director of Public Works for the City of Evart, who briefed the committee members on the military life of Private Joseph W. Guyton, a native son of the City of Evart and the first American World War I soldier killed on German soil. Questions followed.

The Chair laid before the committee Senate Bill 248.

SB 248 (Warren) Veterans; other; World War I centennial commission; create.

Senator Rebecca Warren, the bill sponsor, briefly spoke on the bill.

Representative Chair offered the substitute (H-3) for Senate Bill 248.

Representative Barrett moved to adopt the substitute (H-3) for Senate Bill 248.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Representatives Wentworth, Graves, Hughes, Barrett, Glenn, Albert, Hoitenga, Johnson, Sabo, Brinks, Byrd, Elder, and Jones, (13/13)
Nays: None. (0/13)

The substitute was adopted

The following individuals submitted a testimony card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Steven A. Kozera, Legislative Liaison for the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs;

Rhonda Grant, representing the National Guard Association;

Mark A. Sutton, Public Relations Director for the American Legion Department of Michigan and Presiding Officer of the Commanders Group of Michigan;

Marilyn Britten, Chairman of the Legislative Committee for the American Legion of Michigan; and

Lino B. Pretto, Michigan Department Legislative Officer for the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

Representative Brinks moved to report Senate Bill 248 with the recommendation that the substitute (H-3) be adopted and that the bill then pass.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Representatives Wentworth, Graves, Hughes, Barrett, Glenn, Albert, Hoitenga, Sabo, Brinks, Byrd, Elder, and Jones, (12/13)

Nays: Representative Johnson. (1/13)

The bill and the substitute were referred to the order of Second Reading of Bills.

There being no other business before the committee; **Representative Hughes moved to adjourn the meeting.**

The motion prevailed, the time being 12:17 p.m.

The Chair declared the Committee adjourned.

Jason Wentworth, Chair

House Standing Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs

Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk

Date approved by the committee